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[I]f the search and examination of an entire application can be made **without serious burden**, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions.

M.P.E.P. Section 803

The claims of Group I and Group II are related as both describe method(s) of treating/delivering and means therefore, thus a search of potential art in this classification is simultaneously useful for each of these two Groups. In view of the above, it is therefore believed that search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden to the Examiner. Consequently, reconsideration and removal of the requirement for restriction are respectfully requested.

Present claims consonant with this invention election are Claims 1-96.

REMARKS

Applicants have responded to the Restriction Requirement by electing (with traverse) the claims of Group I. In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the pending claims satisfy the requirements of patentability and are therefore in condition for allowance. Consequently, a prompt mailing of a Notice of Allowance is solicited.

If a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (650) 631-3271.

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